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SUBJECT: JAPANESE REPRESENTATIONS AGAINST HOSTILE KOREA
RESOLUTION

REF: TOKYO 14842

1. MOFA UN POLITICAL DIVDIR KOBAYASHI TOLD EMBOFF OCTOBER 28
THAT FORMER VICE FOREIGN MINISTER TOGO AND AMBASSADOR SUNOBE,
DURING CALL ON FONMIN MALIK "A FEW DAYS AGO," SPECIFICALLY
REQUESTED INDONESIA'S VOTE AGAINST HOSTILE KOREA RESOLUTION.
ACCORDING TO KOBAYASHI, MALIK'S REPLY "VAGUE."

2. COMMENT: DECISION TO APPROACH INDONESIANS IN JAKARTA TAKEN
AS RESULT OF OUR REPEATED URGING, IN EARNEST OF PROMISE TO
"TAKE THE LEAD" AGAINST THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION. IN VIEW OF
NEARNESS OF FIRST COMMITTEE VOTES, AND JAPANESE APPREHENSION OF
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RISKS TO JAPAN INHERENT IN WHAT THEY SEE AS QUIXOTIC FIGHT

AGAINST HOSTILE RESOLUTION, EMBASSY DOES NOT EXPECT TOKYO TO
ISSUE SPECIFIC NEW INSTRUCTIONS TO AMBASSADORS IN OTHER
ASEAN CAPITALS.

3. WE UNDERSTAND FROM KOBAYASHI, HOWEVER, THAT A FEW
WEEKS AGO AMBASSADOR SAWAKI IN MANILA SPECIFICALLY
ASKED GOP TO VOTE OUR WAY ON HOSTILE RESOLUTION. THOUGH
SAWAKI ACTED WITHOUT SPECIFIC NEW INSTRUCTIONS, KOBAYASHI
NOTED POINTEDLY, HE HAS BEEN IN NO WAY FAULTED BY FONOFF.
(WE KNOW THAT SAWAKI MOTIVATED BY STRONG URGINGS OF
AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN.) SAWAKI CASE RELATED TO EMBOFF
BY KOBAYASHI AS ILLUSTRATION OF LATITUDE WHICH JAPANESE
AMBASSADORS HAVE, IN ABSENCE OF SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS,
TO FRAME APPEAL THEY THINK MOST EFFECTIVE. EMBASSY
PASSES THIS ON IN CASE US AMBASSADORS IN BANGKOK, KUALA
LUMPUR AND SINGAPORE SEE OPPORTUNITY TO PERSUADE JAPAN-
ESE COUNTERPARTS RISK HIGHER PROFILE.
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